

Sixth Grade Amendment

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Highly Qualified Requirements for Sixth Grade Teachers with an Elementary School License:

A sixth grade teacher who has an elementary license and teaches sixth grade students in an elementary school or a middle school, regardless of whether the school is departmentalized, is considered highly qualified if he or she meets the highly qualified requirements for an elementary school teacher.

To be highly qualified, Veteran Elementary School Teachers must hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for elementary school grades AND COMPLETED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Passed the PRAXIS II (#10011) licensing exam entitled "Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment"; OR
- Passed the National Teacher Exam (NTE) (#20010) Specialty test called "Education in the Elementary School"; OR
- Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE rubric.

To be highly qualified, New Elementary School Teachers must hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for elementary school grades AND PASSED THE REQUIRED PRAXIS II (#10011) LICENSING EXAM ENTITLED "Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment." HOUSSE is NOT an option for new teachers.

Highly Qualified Requirements for Sixth Grade Teachers with a Middle School License:

A sixth grade teacher who has a middle school license is considered highly qualified if he or she meets the highly qualified requirements for a junior high/middle school teacher.

To be highly qualified, Veteran Junior High/Middle and High School Teachers must hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for the school setting AND COMPLETED ONE of the following FOR EACH CORE ACADEMIC (CAS) subject the teacher teaches:

- Passed the PRAXIS II exam in the CAS; OR
- Passed the NTE specialty exam in the CAS; OR
- Earned a bachelor's degree or completed 24 college credit hours in the CAS; OR
- Earned a master's degree in the CAS; OR
- Completed the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification in the CAS; OR
- Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE rubric.

To be highly qualified, New Junior High/Middle or High School Teachers must hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for the school setting AND COMPLETED ONE of the following FOR EACH CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECT (CAS) the teacher teaches:

- Passed the required PRAXIS II licensing exam in the CAS; OR
- Earned a bachelor's degree or completed 24 credit hours in the CAS; OR
- Earned a master's degree in the CAS.